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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Sir:

In reply to the Interview Summary, Paper No. 20080812, dated August 15, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit this Statement of the Substance of Interview.

On August 12, 2008, Applicants' undersigned representative participated in a telephonic interview with Examiner Pohnert, at which the rejections under 35 USC §§102 and 112 were discussed. Potential claim amendments were also discussed. No final agreement was reached.

Applicants' representative thanks Examiner Pohnert for participating in the interview. In the event that obstacles to allowance are deemed to persist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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